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## NC Wing Annual Conference October 2009

The Village Inn Golf and Conference Center, Clemmons, NC

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### 192 members attend from across the state

The North Carolina Wing held its annual conference at the Village Inn Golf and Conference Center in Clemmons, NC on October 17 - 18, 2009. At this writing, 192 members attended.

The General Assembly and Awards Ceremony filled the morning hours and seminars were conducted throughout the afternoon. NC Wing Commander, Col Roy Douglass opened the festivities and introduced the Orange Co. award-winning color guard. Joining Col. Douglass at the head table were: Maj. John Kay, NC Wing Chief of Staff, Col. Russell Chazell, from CAP National HQs., Col. Joseph Vazquez, Middle East Region Commander, and Mr. Steve Tripp, programs manager from National HQs.



The afternoon guest speaker was NC House of Representatives Member, Dale R. Folwell. Rep. Folwell is a CPA and represents the 74th House District. He lives in Winston-Salem.

The afternoon session included seminars in Mission Information Officer, Safety, Standards & Evaluation, Communications, Incident Commander and Emergency Services, Internet Technology, Recruiting and Retention, Drug Demand Reduction, Legal, Professional Development, Aerospace Education, Operations and Counter Drug/HLS.

In a memo sent to the NC Wing Staff members, Wing Commander, Col. Roy Douglass said, "Please accept my sincere thanks to each of you who participated in and/or had anything specific to do with the success of our 2009 wing conference! Especially to Lt Col Lucy Davis, Lt Col Leslie Ingram, Ms Kathy Gaddy, and to each of the wing staff who provided seminars, as well as to members of NC022 and other CAP members who provided time and effort in helping with the conference. Those of you who missed attending really missed a great time! We hope you'll be able to attend next year. We are considering locations at which to hold our 2010 conference, and will be announcing preliminary conference location and dates as soon as we finalize them."

### NC Wing Awards For 2009

Senior Member Of The Year - Lt Col Lucy H. Davis

Cadet Of The Year - C/Col Olivia A. Barrow

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## Carolina WingSpan Article & Photo Submission Guidelines

- \* E-mail article and attachments to: [carolina.wingspan@ncwg.cap.gov](mailto:carolina.wingspan@ncwg.cap.gov).
- \* Send story in body of e-mail rather than as attachment.
- \* Please do not use any formatting, page centering, etc. Do not submit on CAP letterhead. Do not include any photos in the body of the text.
- \* Subject line should include: Unit name, wing and brief description [e.g., "Lizzard Lick Comp Sq (SC): Senior member honored for AE contribution"]
- \* Always include author's contact info: name, unit/wing, phone, e-mail, etc.
- \* Compose your article in MS Word. Use Spell Check. Heed messages that say, "Passive voice, consider revising."
- \* Do not send articles and photos in separate E-mails. Piecemeal submissions will be returned.
- \* Refer often to the AP Stylebook, especially when listing ranks of members: Use Lt. Col. and not LtC or LtCol. Use 1st Lt. and not 1Lt.

### Digital Images/Photos

- \* Submit as jpg or tif attachments to e-mail (no bmps, gifs, etc.), rather than in body of story.
- \* Minimum scan resolution: 250-300 dpi.\*\*
- \* Minimum pixel resolution: 1280 x 960.\*\*
- \* Cellphone photos of at least 1.5 Mb may be used (if they are in focus)
- \* Please send attachments rather than links to photo-hosting Web sites.
- \* Photos must be color. Do not add any special effects.
- \* Provide detailed outline info, including description of action, complete identities, photo credits. Large groups need not be individually identified.
- \* Submit only the best photos. With most articles, include up to 2-3 photos.
- \* Try to submit at least one photo with every submission, even if it's just a head-&-shoulders shot of the senior member or cadet featured in the article.
- \*\*If you do not have access to a photo editing program, send what you have. It may be possible to use them. Check the sharpness of every photo. If it's fuzzy, please do not send it. Blurry, out-of-focus shots will not be used. Dark photos are easily lightened. Overexposed photos are mostly beyond hope if the image is burned out.

## Of The Year Awards

## Winner

Public Affairs Officer OTY 1st Place – Lt Col Donald A. Beckett

Public Affairs Officer OTY 2nd Place – Maj Mary Ann Fleagle

Public Affairs Officer OTY 3rd Place – 1st Lt Charles C. Parker

Recruitment and Retention Officer OTY – Maj James T. Styles

Finance Officer OTY – 1st Lt John C. Greene

Communicator OTY – Capt Kertis A. Henderson

Col Edwin W. Lewis IC Staff Member OTY – Lt Col David E.

Crawford

Aerospace Education Officer OTY – Maj Mary Ann Fleagle

Emergency Services Officer OTY – Capt Kenneth W. Bickell

Safety Officer OTY – 1st Lt Michael D. McCoury

Aerospace Education Squadron OTY – So Charlotte Cadet Sqdn

NC-800

Col Dion E. DeCamp Ground Team OTY – Burlington

Composite Sqdn

NC-022

Meritorious Service Award - Lt Col David Ritter

Commander's Commendation - Maj Conrad D'Cruz

Commander's Commendation - Maj Tim Tessin

Commander's Commendation – C/CMSgt Christina M. North

Commander's Commendation – Maj Linda S. Eldredge

Commander's Commendation – C/Capt Kyle P. Zobel

Unit Citation - Fayetteville Composite Squadron

Top Orientation Flight Pilots	Winners	# O Flights
#1 O-Flight Pilot	Capt Charles H. Dawson	45
#2 O-Flight Pilot	Lt Col Wallace C. Courtney	44
#3 O-Flight Pilot	Maj Frederick R. Eldredge	39

The evening was topped of at the annual banquet. Maj. John Maxfield demonstrated his usual wit and candor in his discussion of the merits of "Rubber Chicken," Maj. Maxwell assured the dinner guests that by order of Col. Douglass, the rubber had been removed from the chicken.

The banquet guest speaker NC Senator Peter S. Brunstetter. Sen. Brunstetter is an attorney and holds a private pilot's license with multi-engine and instrument ratings. And like his friend and colleague, Rep. Folwell, he is an avid motorcyclist.

Conference photos may be seen and downloaded at:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/nccapphotos>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/donpenven/20091019#>



Photos By:  
2nd Lt. Larry Mathis  
Capt. Don Penven

See additional photos  
At these websites.



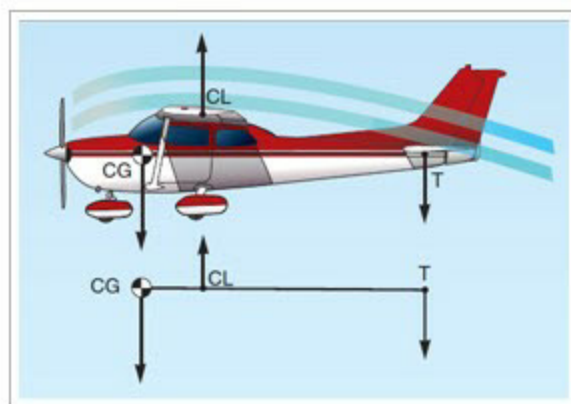
# Longitudinal stability Reprinted from AOPA Training Tips

The Oct. 2 [Training Tip](#) discussed loading your aircraft to optimize its center of gravity. Don't just check that the CG is within general limits. A flight to practice stalls or high angle-of-attack maneuvers will be safer, and the aircraft more responsive, with a forward CG.

The aerodynamic stability inherent in your aircraft's design depends on proper loading. Longitudinal stability responds to the position of the CG. What does this mean in practice? "An airplane is designed to have stability that allows it to be trimmed so that it will maintain straight and level flight with hands off the controls. Longitudinal stability is maintained by ensuring that the CG is slightly ahead of the center of lift," the FAA's [Aircraft Weight and Balance Handbook](#) explains. The CG's position induces a nose-down tendency, which must be offset by an opposing force to keep the aircraft in aerodynamic balance. That's where the horizontal tail design comes into play. "It acts behind the center of lift. It uses the fuselage as a lever and pulls the nose up to the desired pitch attitude. The pilot controls the down force, and thereby the airplane's pitch, by manipulating and/or trimming the elevator," Ed Kolano explained in the December 1996 "[Form and Function](#)."

Sounds good—but wouldn't it be helpful to see this theory at work? Chapter 3 of the [Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge](#) provides a way: "A simple demonstration of longitudinal stability may be made as follows: Trim the airplane for 'hands off' control in level flight. Then momentarily give the controls a slight push to nose the airplane down. If, within a brief period, the nose rises to the original position and then stops, the airplane is statically stable. Ordinarily, the nose will pass the original position (that of level flight) and a series of slow pitching oscillations will follow. If the oscillations gradually cease, the airplane has positive stability; if they continue unevenly, the airplane has neutral stability; if they increase, the airplane is unstable."

Don't conclude from this that all CG problems stem from rearward loadings. Chapter 8 of the *Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge* notes that an excessively forward CG "may result in nose heaviness to the extent that it may be difficult or impossible to flare for landing."



# Cape Fear Unit Promotes Cadet Dahms

Wilmington, NC – Civil Air Patrol cadet Andrew Dahms was promoted to 2nd lieutenant during a recent encampment at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Wing Commander Col. Roy W. Douglass attended as Andrew was presented with the Bill Mitchell award.

Among his achievements, Dahms has served as the Cadet Commander for the Cape Fear Composite Squadron, and was presented with the Outstanding Cadet Achievement Award in 2008. Currently, he is a member of the squadron Color Guard and serves as the squadron's Cadet Drug Demand Reductions Officer. He holds certifications in First Aid, CPR, Blood-borne Pathogens, General Emergency Services, Urban Direction Finding, and Ground Team (II). He earned his Community Services Ribbon doing prison ministry. Upon becoming a cadet officer, Dahms now has the opportunity to apply for academic scholar-

The General Billy Mitchell Award, named in honor of the aviation pioneer, advocate, and staunch supporter of an independent air force in America, was established in 1964 to recognize the outstanding achievement of Civil Air Patrol cadets. This is the first milestone of the Cadet Program. This structured program is divided into 16 segments called achievements, involving study and performance in the program areas of leadership, aerospace education, and physical fitness. The Billy Mitchell Award is earned after completing the first eight segments. Andrew had to pass a comprehensive 100-question examination covering leadership theory and aerospace topics.

Cadet Dahms is a home-schooled junior who resides in Wilmington, NC with his parents, Edward and Alanna Dahms. Alanna Dahms is a Senior Officer, and brother Robert Dahms is also a Cadet Officer.



Andrew Dahms receives Billy Mitchell Award at Camp Lejeune. Left to Right: Col. Therriault, C/1st Lt Robert Dahms, Maj. Starr, C/2nd Lt Andrew Dahms and Col. Dabney)

Photo provided by: 1st Lt Alanna Dahms

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## Say Again, Please . . .

Cessna:

"JAX Center, Cessna One Two Three Four."

Center:

"Cessna One Two Three Four, JAX Center. Go ahead."

Cessna:

"Cessna One Two Three Four is 20 miles north of Jacksonville, 1500 feet, and we would like flight following."

Center:

"I would like to oblige, but at that altitude the only radar picking you up would be the highway patrol."

# AE DAY Recap

**It was Aerospace Day 2009.** The weather was great And I think a record was set for the most people attending an event. I know that I have not seen as large of participation in any A/E event since I have been a CAP member.

One Hundred Ten (110) People signed the log sheets . Eighty five (85) Cadets logged in. The other Twenty Five (25) were senior members and volunteers. Thirty Cadets(30) cadets were given O-rides and for most of them, it was their first flight ever. **It was a thrilling experience for them.**

At the rocket launch pad, we had four launch pads going at the same time . the wind was very light, perfect for launching Rockets. All of the Cadets had a chance to launch their rockets and many launched experimental rocket with large engines that went out of sight.

Forty (40) Cadets received their Titan Hands on Phase certificates Twelve (12) cadets launched **Saturn Class Rockets** and received their official Certificates. Some were two (2) Stage rockets that went out of sight. Luckily no air planes were flying in the area. Eight cadets took and passed the written rocket exams.

I am old and can't remember names very well, But I want to thank every Senior member and volunteer that came out and made this a great day for the Cadets and for Me.. I want to thank Major Wiggs -the IC, Major Tessin and the pilots who flew the Cadets, The Lunch crew who served a great lunch, The communication people who kept things running smoothly and made this great day possible, Capt, Ken Brickell and his safety crew who kept a close watch on safety and the day was perfect without a mishap. Chaplin Bobbey for talking to the man upstairs and brought great weather and safety for the event. The senior member that held the A/E quiz and kept cadets busy in the afternoon. And finally all the senior member and volunteers that pulled duty at the fair grounds launch site.

The entire event ran smoothly and was the product of a great North Carolina Civil Air Patrol team working together to complete a very successful and important mission for CAP, the USAF and it's Cadets

Again Thanks to everyone that participated

James P. Williams -Major- CAP  
Deputy Dir. of Aerospace Education  
North Carolina Wing

# A Note From Col. Douglass Regarding ECI-13

Had I known there was going to be an article related to the ECI-13 (September issue) fading into history, I could have given you more details. I'm on the NHQ Professional Development Summit Team charged with the responsibility of writing the replacement for ECI-13, the CAP Officer Basic Course (CAPOBC). Our national team lead is Col Bryan Cooper who works with the Chief of Professional Development, BJ Tourville at NHQ. Then I'm next and I have seven writers reporting to me who wrote six of the sub-modules in the CAPOBC - three who are members of our wing: Lt Col Paul Meade, Majors Dan McCollum and Dave Siemiet.

The six sub-modules I am responsible for are:

Implementing Change - written by Lt Col Meade

Safety - written by Maj McCollum

Uniform Wear - written by Maj Siemiet

Mentoring - also written by Maj Siemiet

Professionalism - written by Lt Col Jessica Black of VA Wing and Maj David Wolfe, who is one of my former Texas Wing squadron members

Recruiting and Retention - written by Lt Col Jessica Black of VA Wing

There was a lot of strict format and detail on the writing requirements that I won't go into here, but needless to say, all of these modules were accepted and are included in the on-line CAPOBC, which is being beta tested until the end of the year. If you can use this info in one of your future Wingspans, I'd like to get photos of the three NCWG officers mentioned above and include them with the story. Maybe I can get their photos at the wing conference.

Roy W. Douglass, Col, CAP  
Commander  
North Carolina Wing

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## Editor's Note ...

I'm having ambivalent feelings at the moment. I'm using a new Desk Top Publisher (DTP) for introducing a new format for Carolina WingSpan, but I'm disappointed in the number of articles submitted. But December is always a good month what with all of the articles I anticipate coming in with Christmas parties and *Wreaths Across America*.

Previous issues were constructed in a 10-year-old copy of Adobe PageMaker. It's time to give that program a decent burial. Only parts of it worked in MS Vista. Adobe discontinued PageMaker 7-8 years ago in favor of InDesign. This program currently lists for \$699.00.

My usual source for software is: [www.download.com](http://www.download.com)—especially the free programs. I've never been disappointed. My new DTP ended up costing \$49.95! I expected a steep learning curve (since I'm no Techno-geek), but I was up and running in a few minutes. But there's a catch in buying it (it comes via snail mail from England), so if you are interested in buying a copy, please contact me. ([dpenven@ncwg.cap.gov](mailto:dpenven@ncwg.cap.gov))

If you go to [www.download.com](http://www.download.com) and search for "DTP, " you'll find PagePlus X4 listed for \$9.95. Sounds too good to be true? Any way, contact me and I'll explain this little scam. My guess is that PagePlus is as good as or even better than InDesign. And no, I'm not getting a commission!

Don Penven, Capt, CAP

# FBI Warns of Malicious Email Attacks

US-CERT Current Activity

Federal Bureau of Investigation Warns Public of Fraudulent Spam Email

Original release date: October 6, 2009 at 3:13 pm Last revised: October 6, 2009 at 3:13 pm

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has released information warning the public about fraudulent email messages purporting to come from the FBI or the Department of Homeland Security. These email messages contain a malicious attachment that claims to provide an intelligence report or bulletin, but in reality attempts to launch malware on the user's system.

More information regarding these messages can be found in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's New E-Scams and Warnings web site.

To help protect against this type of attack, US-CERT recommends that users avoid opening attachments contained in unsolicited email messages. Additional tips regarding email attachments can be found in the US-CERT Cyber Security Tip - Using Caution with Email Attachments.

Relevant Url(s):

<http://www.fbi.gov/cyberinvest/escams.htm>

<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST04-010.html>

Submitted by: Capt. John Short

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## New Chaplain for Middle East Region

To all members of Middle East Region,

I am pleased to announce that Chaplain Lt Col Jack D. Epperly was appointed to the position of Region Chaplain for MER. He has just concluded a successful term as the South Carolina Wing Chaplain and has assisted MER in the past with many activities (including holding the job of MER CISM director).

Chaplain Lt Col Rob Edwards will remain in MER as an assistant chaplain, having completed an outstanding term of office (5+ years) as the Region Chaplain. He helped to build and promote MER's very successful Chaplain Staff College, which has helped to strengthen the Chaplain Corps in MER over the years.

Please extend a welcome to Chaplain Epperly as your new Region Chaplain for MER, and congratulations to Chaplain Edwards for a job well done.

Colonel Joe Vazquez, CAP  
Commander, Middle East Region



# Civil Air Patrol To Receive NBAA Al Ueltschi Award for Humanitarian Leadership

## Award to Be Presented at NBAA's 62nd Annual Meeting & Convention

By Daniel Baxter

Washington, DC, October 7, 2009 □ The National Business Aviation Association (NBAA) today announced that the Civil Air Patrol will be presented with the NBAA Al Ueltschi Humanitarian Award in recognition of the organization's efforts to provide disaster relief for people and communities in times of crisis.

"The Civil Air Patrol provides an essential service to this country, by supplying not just aircrews, but also ground teams, doctors, nurses, paramedics and others to support rescue efforts following a disaster," said NBAA President and CEO Ed Bolen. □ These unsung heroes volunteer their time and expertise to provide assistance in 90 percent of inland search and rescue missions.

The commitment to service demonstrated by the people involved in the Civil Air Patrol provide an example for all of us to emulate, and their selflessness is what we honor with the Ueltschi Humanitarian Award. □

NBAA's Al Ueltschi Humanitarian Award will be presented to Major General Amy Courter of the Civil Air Patrol at NBAA's 62nd Annual Meeting & Convention, being held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, FL.



Al Ueltschi, the award's namesake, has been widely recognized for his lifetime of dedication to philanthropic causes. He was instrumental in the development of ORBIS, an international non-profit organization dedicated to preventing blindness and saving sight. Ueltschi, who has served as ORBIS's chairman for more than 20 years, has made a number of significant financial contributions to the organization and has been instrumental in developing many of its most important initiatives.

Submitted by: Maj. Steven Solomon <[steven.solomon1@verizon.net](mailto:steven.solomon1@verizon.net)>  
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## New West Virginia Wing Commander

To all members of Middle East Region,

Effective 25 October 2009, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Lt Col. Dennis D. Barron, CAP as Commander of West Virginia Wing.

Lt Col. Barron is concluding four years of service as West Virginia's Chief of Staff. He also held the positions of Wing DDR administrator, Wing Inspector General, and was a commander of the Martinsburg Composite Squadron for twenty years. He is a pilot and an Incident Commander, and has commanded numerous cadet summer encampments for West Virginia Wing.

Col. Rod Moore will complete his 4 year term of office on 24 October 2009. He has done an excellent job managing the West Virginia Wing, and will be a valuable member of West Virginia and MER in the years to come.

Please extend a welcome to Lt Col. Barron as the new WV Wing Commander, and congratulations to Col. Moore on completing his assignment in an outstanding manner.

Colonel Joe Vazquez, CAP  
Commander, Middle East Region

# NC Wing Commander Expresses Thanks

Please accept my sincere thanks to each of you who participated in and/or had anything specific to do with the success of our 2009 wing conference! Especially to Lt Col Lucy Davis, Lt Col Leslie Ingram, Ms Kathy Gaddy, and to each of the wing staff who provided seminars, as well as to members of NC-022 and other CAP members who provided time and effort in helping with the conference.

Those of you who missed attending really missed a great time! We hope you'll be able to attend next year.

We are considering locations at which to hold our 2010 conference, and will be announcing preliminary conference location and dates as soon as we finalize them.

I don't have the total number of attendees yet, but I suspect it was over 200 (out of 1400+ members in the wing). The significant achievements of our members and units was apparent to all and a pleasure to "brag" about in front of the MER CC, the NHQ CS, and other distinguished visitors from region and national HQ during my presentation at the general assembly. It was indeed a privilege to show our three former wing commanders (Colonels Ragland, Schaffer and Edwards) who were in attendance, know that our wing is continuing in a positive and upward direction.

Unfortunately we received very, very few of the conference evaluations (that were in the plastic give-away sacks) so while we have a favorable view of our conference from the few evaluation forms submitted, we just didn't receive feedback from all that could have provided this valuable information to help us make next year's conference even better. Based on the feedback from the spouses who participated in the spouses' tour, the vineyard tour was highly successful!

Remember, our wing conference is for each of you - our members - so we certainly look forward to seeing an even larger member participation at our conference in 2010.

This is a great wing comprised of volunteers who perform their duties with expertise and professionalism. Let's keep doing what we've been doing to make our wing great, identify and implement needed improvements, and continue doing all that we do safely!

Group and Unit Commanders - I'll look forward to seeing each of you at our November Commander's Call.

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Roy W. Douglass, Col, CAP  
Commander  
North Carolina Wing

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## Say Again, Please...

N12345:

"Approach, how far from the airport are we in minutes?"

Approach:

"345, the faster you go, the quicker you'll get here."

Courtesy of the Top Twenty Actual Transmissions Heard in the O'Hare Tracon, from Intentionally Left-Blank, the newsletter of O'Hare's National Air Traffic Controllers Association.

# Unit Commanders Course Held in Burlington

Burlington, N.C.—During the weekend of October 23-25, a Unit Commanders Course was held at the North Carolina Wing Headquarters in Burlington, N.C. Thirteen students from across the state participated in an intensive, two-day workshop featuring a number of management topics related to CAP squadron management.

The first session on Saturday featured a detailed briefing on pending national finance changes (CAPR 173 series) by Ms Kathy Gaddy, NC Wing Administrator, and Lt Col Eric Grant, NC Wing Director of Finance. Other topics presented by a well qualified and dynamic group of instructors included: Recruitment and Retention, Command Responsibility, Building and Managing Staff, Squadron Management, Effective Listening, Delegating Authority, Setting Goals and Objectives, and many more.

The Unit Commanders Course provides management-level instruction to current unit commanders, prospective unit commanders, and those senior members who desire more in-depth experience and exposure to command and unit management. During the two full days of seminar based instruction, a great deal of discussion and debate was generated by the class participants, making the weekend fly by. The Course Director was 1Lt. Jim Thomasson, NC Wing Professional Development Officer. He was assisted by Maj John Kay, NC Wing Chief of Staff and current Group Five Commander, and Maj. William Isbell, Elizabeth City Composite Squadron Commander. Other instructors included Lt Col Dominic Strug, Capt. Donald Williams, and Maj. Max Nouredine.

Sucessfully completing the 2009 Unit Commanders Course were: Lt Col Donald Beckett, 1Lt Terry Beck, Maj. Sankey Blanton III, Capt. Thomas Bly, 1Lt. Fred Draper, Lt. Col. Dennis Faver, 1Lt. Stacy Isbell, Capt. James Newton, Capt. Christopher Stone, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jacob Summey, 1Lt. Dean Walker, 2Lt. George Wolfe, USAF TSgt Dean, Lt Col Kay and Maj Isbell, who also participated as students.



# NC Wing Aerospace Education Day 2009

By Terri L. Zobel Capt., CAP

The build up was tremendous and the event delivered. On Saturday, October 3rd, from all over the state of North Carolina squadrons came. Some slept at Wing headquarters the night before, some got up at 4 AM to make it there in time, but they came just the same. There were units from the coast, including Cape Fear Composite Squadron all the way to the mountains with Boone Composite Squadron. All in all 12 squadrons were represented with 85 cadets and 25 senior members.

Events were set up to maximize the facilities in Burlington, and the weather even cooperated. There were o-rides for cadets with 6 aircraft and 12 pilots ready to fly. A total of 30 cadets went flying throughout the day most for their first flight in a CAP plane. At the fairgrounds, 4 launch stations meant that most cadets did not have to wait long to get their rockets in the air. Major James Williams and Capt. Paul Twiddy with the assistance of 1Lt. Ed Cook and Maj. Dan Wishnietsky provided cadets with expert assistance at the launch pads. After lunch, the rocket launches continued, but many cadets stayed at Wing Headquarters to play aerospace jeopardy with Major Starr as the emcee. There were also opportunities to build rockets and to take any of the exams leading to the rocketry badge.

Awards were given to cadets for the Titan rocket that flew the highest and had the shortest recovery distance. C/SSgt Aleasha North from Burlington won for distance with a flight of 149 ½ meters. C/Amn Daniel Edge from Cape Fear recovered his rocket at 0 meters as it hit the launch pad on its way back! A good number of cadets earned certificates for completing the Titan phase of the rocketry program.

The flight line at the Burlington airport was run by Lt. Col Al Therriault. Many opportunities for training were offered and all planes took off and landed without incident. The final o-ride of the day had a few minutes of excitement when they taxied in by the U2 band's plane in Charlotte. One of the cadets reported that he got to see Bono, but that his pilot would not let him run up and introduce himself. According to reports there was a tremendous amount of security and police on hand, so adhering to NC Wing's policy of Safety First. It would seem to be that the pilot made a good call.

NC Wing had a very successful 2009 AE Day with more cadets attending than have been seen at any event since encampment. Thank you to all of the senior members who made this exciting day possible; and thank you to the cadets who have been so hard at work building rockets and studying! Keep working on those rockets, only 350 some days left until we have AE day 2010.



Photos by: Capt. Paul Twiddy

# ***Official Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week***

Dear CAP Volunteer:

In 1988, after a continuous endeavor, the last week of the month of October was proclaimed as ***Red Ribbon Week*** to spread an anti-drug message nationwide and commemorate the anti-drug efforts of Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a narcotics agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration who was murdered by drug traffickers in Guadalajara, Mexico. In 1990, the Department of Defense joined in the national effort to observe ***Red Ribbon Week*** and encouraged service members to keep communities drug-free by recognizing outstanding outreach programs.

Last Friday, Civil Air Patrol was represented at the Pentagon’s 19th Annual Red Ribbon Week Observance Ceremony by the National Chief of Staff, Colonel Russ Chazell, the National Drug Demand Reduction Director, Mr. Mike Simpkins, the National Drug Demand Reduction Team Leader, Lieutenant Colonel Johnetta Mayhew, and the NCAC Chairman, Cadet Zachary King. Civil Air Patrol partnered in a joint service cadet color guard for the ceremony, and our organization received great praise from the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. The Air Force Surgeon General, members of Congress, several military officers, civilian counterparts, and cadet organization officials were among the many in attendance.

As today marks the midpoint of ***Red Ribbon Week***, we would like to take a moment to mark the occasion of this week and the importance of its mission: promoting a firm anti-drug stance across the nation. As we continue our outreach with Civil Air Patrol’s Drug Demand Reduction and Counterdrug efforts, we would like to recognize all of our volunteers who give their time and effort to keep our communities and our members, senior and cadet, free of the harmful influence of drug use. We encourage your active observance and participation in this week’s events.

We ask you to join us in a pledge to remain drug free! We cannot impress upon today’s society enough that drug abuse is detrimental to the futures of our youth and disqualifying for professional careers, especially ones in public service, government, and the armed forces.

Our goal is to continue the excellent efforts set forth by all of our members, and to build upon our partnerships with youth, community, and law enforcement programs that share the cooperative mission of fighting the war on drugs. Thank you for your continued volunteer service to Civil Air Patrol and your communities.

***Semper vigilans!***

***“Representing cadets across the nation”***

***“Leading the forefront of today’s cadet program”***

ZACHARY Z. KING, C/Lt Col, CAP

National CAC Chairman

AMY S. COURTER, Maj Gen, CAP

National Commander

